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August 15, 2011

Mr. Elmo Collins
Region IV Administrator
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
612 East Lamar Blvd., Suite 400
Arlington, TX 76011

Dear Mr. Collins:

The tragic events in Japan that began in March of this year have highlighted the risks that communities near nuclear power plants can face. The world has watched as explosions destroyed Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, tens of thousands of people were evacuated and large amounts of radiation were released. As you are aware, we are the closest city to the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), and residents of the city and surrounding communities have repeatedly brought their concerns about SONGS to our city council meetings.

It would be most helpful to the City Council and our residents if a representative of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) would attend a special City Council meeting on SONGS. As we have discussed, the City has scheduled the meeting for September 27, 2011. It will be held in the San Clemente Community Center Auditorium at 100 N. Seville, San Clemente, CA. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm and conclude at the end of the public comment period.

We would like the NRC to provide a 45 minute presentation to our Council, focusing on your assessment of the events in Japan, highlights from the July 19 NRC Taskforce Report, and the inspection of SONGS completed under the Temporary Instruction "Follow-up to the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Station Fuel Damage Event." Additionally, we feel the City Council and public would benefit from a brief overview of the roles and responsibilities of the government agencies that regulate nuclear power plants in the U.S. Finally, in advance of the meeting the City will also provide the NRC with questions the City has received from the public. We ask that the NRC incorporate responses to those questions in your presentation.

Meeting Layout

Although the meeting will not take place in Council Chambers, the physical lay-out of the auditorium will be very similar to that of our Council Chambers. The Council will be seated at the front of the room facing the audience, the presenters and members of the public will take turns speaking from podiums facing the Council.

Meeting Format

The meeting will begin with opening remarks by the Mayor and Council Members and instructions to the audience by the Mayor. The meeting will be televised on our local public access channel.

The NRC would be the first presenter. The area for NRC and IPC presentations will be physically separated from the area for the SONGS presentations. A laptop, screen and projector will be available for any visual aids to accompany your presentation.

Your presentation would be followed by 30 minute presentation by the Interjurisdictional Planning Committee (IPC) Chairperson on the IPC's role, responsibilities and activities in relation to SONGS.

There would then be a 45 minute presentation by SONGS. The City has requested that SONGS provide information on actions taken and changes implemented and planned following the tragic events in Japan. The City will also provide SONGS with questions we have received from the public with the expectation that they will address the questions during their presentation.

After the SONGS presentation has concluded, the Council will have the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters. This will be followed by a public comment and question period. Speakers will adhere to our standard three minute time limit unless the Council grants a longer time period to an individual speaker.

Thank you for your prompt attention to our request. In order to insure adequate time for preparation for the meeting and to insure appropriate public notice of the meeting we request that you respond by August 24th. I look forward to your reply and can be reached at (949) 361-8322 or via email at DonchakL@san-clemente.org.

Sincerely,



Lori Donchak
Mayor